

FIGHT ON TRANSIT LEASE ABANDONED

United Business Men's Association Abolishes Committee Which Fought Contract

Despite details by some of its officers, it was learned today that the United Business Men's Association, which fought the lease of the city's high-speed lines to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, had abandoned its opposition.

When the lease, despite the opposition of the association and other organizations and individuals, was adopted by Select and Common Councils and approved by the Mayor, the association announced that it was still against the agreement and would fight it before the State Public Service Commission and in the courts if necessary. Now it is learned that the association has decided to give up the fight, and efforts to find out how true these reports are disclose the following fact:

The special law committee appointed to fight the transit pact was "killed" or abolished at the meeting of the association last Thursday.

C. Oscar Beasley refused to say in so many words that the abolition of that committee means the abandonment of the fight, but he intimated quite clearly that he thinks that is just what it means.

On the other hand, Edward A. Noppel, president of the association, denies that there has been any change in the organization's attitude toward the agreement. He says the committee was not organized to fight the transit pact, but to see that it was properly handled.

Edwin Abbott, chairman of the regular law committee of the association, also denies that the "killing" of the committee implies a change of attitude and declares that foes as well as friends of the transit agreement voted to abolish the committee.

A month ago the association named a special law committee, with Beasley as chairman, to fight the transit lease through to a finish. Mr. Abbott, chairman of the regular law committee, did not like this, taking the view that a fight on the transit lease was part of the business of his committee. The fact that he was made a member of the Beasley committee did not reconcile him.

He wrote a letter declining to serve and expressing his belief that the special committee was entirely unnecessary. At the last meeting Mr. Abbott offered a resolution abolishing the special committee.

Mr. Beasley had this to say about abolishing the committee:

"The committee was simply abolished. It was a fighting committee, and you can draw your own conclusions as to why it was abolished."

"Do you think it was abolished because the association is no longer against the lease?" he was asked.

"You can form your own opinion. If there is a train going to Baltimore and a man buys a ticket to Baltimore and gets on that train you have a pretty good idea that he wants to go to Baltimore, don't you?"

Mr. Beasley went on to say that all the friends of the transit lease had voted to abolish his committee and he intimated that he considered this very good evidence that the whole proposition was one in favor of the lease.

"There has been no change in the association's attitude," said Mr. Abbott. "I was not present when the special committee was authorized. At the last meeting I had it abolished."

"What! You had it abolished?"

"Well, I offered the resolution abolishing it and it was adopted almost unanimously."

Asked what he had to say in answer to the assertion that all the transit lease friends voted for his resolution, Mr. Abbott said:

"I guess they did. So did the foes of the lease. There were only about three men who voted against it. Everybody who might say, was for it. The committee was abolished because it was unnecessary. That's all."

There is at this time no law committee, the old one's term having expired. Mr. Noppel is about to name the committee for this year, but he refused to say whom he will appoint.



MISS LULU H. MARVEL.
Her decision to remain chairwoman of Atlantic City's Women's Defense Council, although in ill health, has evoked general satisfaction.

CHARGES CANADA PLOT TO OBTAIN FARM LABOR

New York Evening Post Publishes Secret Circular From Censor to Dominion Editors

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—That the Canadian Government is "secretly endeavoring to draw American farm laborers into Canada, was charged today by the New York Evening Post. The post article follows:

"Information that the Canadian Government is secretly endeavoring to draw American agricultural labor from the Northwestern States across the boundary into Canada to make up for the shortage of labor there, has been received by the Evening Post's receipt of the following circular sent out by the chief censor:

CONFIDENTIAL CIRCULAR FOR CANADIAN EDITORS
(Not for publication)

Owing to the shortage of agricultural labor in Canada, consequent upon the absence of such a large proportion of Canadian menhood in military service, and in view of the supreme importance of securing the highest possible production in natural products, the Government is making an effort to bring in from the United States to the Western Provinces as much farm labor as possible. References to this particular matter, as it is feared that publicity may seriously interfere with the plan, are requested to be withheld.

(Signed) ERNEST J. CHAMBERS,
Chief Press Censor for Canada.

Office of the Chief Press Censor for Canada, Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, January 15, 1918.

"On receipt of this document the Evening Post at once telegraphed to Sir Robert L. Borden, premier of Canada, for an explanation, but Sir Robert declined to make any statement for publication. The Evening Post then approached the United States Government in Washington elicited the information that the United States Government was not aware of the move.

"A few months before the United States entered the war, however, Canada sent agents into the central and middle West to get farm laborers from western Canada, but as soon as Secretary Houston discovered it he made a protest to the Canadian Government and the campaign was stopped. There is no question but that the Department of Agriculture will now make inquiry again of the Canadian Government, and in the end will act vigorously to prevent the loss of American labor, so vitally needed just now for the cultivation of our fields.

"The Department of Agriculture has lately been bombarded with requests from various parts of the country for aid in solving the farm-labor problem, and at a time when every effort is being made to prevent farm hands from accepting employment in the more lucrative occupations of shipbuilding and munition-making, all the signs are that the Government are straining hard to keep intact agricultural labor."

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS GETS THIRD THREAT

Letter From Anarchists Demands Release of Berkman, Goldman and Mooney

PETROGRAD, Feb. 1.—David R. Francis, the American ambassador, has received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a letter addressed to Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, by the Petrograd group of anarchists, insisting that Trotsky bring pressure to bear on the American embassy for the release of Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman and Thomas J. Mooney.

The ministry also inclosed a resolution adopted by the anarchists threatening demonstration against the embassy. The documents were forwarded to Mr. Francis with the remark that the ministry considered it its duty to transmit them.

This is the third threat by anarchists that Ambassador Francis has received within a month.

Emma Goldman and Berkman are under sentence to serve terms of imprisonment for conspiracy to defeat the conscription law in the United States. Mooney is convicted of complicity in the San Francisco bomb outrages.

WILSON URGES LESS TALK IN CONGRESS

Tells Party Leaders to Stop Discussion of Chamberlain Bills and Speed Up Work

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Less talk and greater application to war work was urged upon Democratic members of Congress today by President Wilson.

During a conference with eleven of his party leaders, summoned to the White House, the President counseled against further discussion of the Chamberlain "war cabinet" and "munitions minister" bills on the floor. He continues strongly opposed to them.

He declared the railroad control must be speeded up in the face of the critical conditions this year presents in the war and strongly urged that there be a minimum of talk and a maximum of action.

The action of the President probably will be unable to stop the promised discussion of the Chamberlain measures. Senators Wadsworth and Hitchcock already have served notice that they will speak next Tuesday and Monday respectively on the bills.

PRIVATE JOHN HILL CAPTURED BY HUNS

Samme Fought Raiders With Fists After Shell Fragment Smashes Rifle

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 31 (delayed).—The lone American soldier that the Germans took prisoner in Wednesday's trench raid against the American lines Hill, his rifle smashed by a shell fragment, was Private John Hill, according to his report, was last seen savagely fighting with his bare fists against an inclosing circle of boches.

Germany has adopted cruel and barbarous methods of treatment toward American prisoners of war in order to make them divulge military information, according to information reaching headquarters here today.

What appears to be an authentic order to German troops opposite the American sector, dealing with the treatment of prisoners, has just fallen into the hands of American officers.

The order directs that all prisoners be confined in an iron cage for four days without food or water to make them "submissive." The cage, it was specified, should be so small the men would have to stand up all the time. Captive men and officers were to receive similar treatment.

It is thought possible that the order may have been issued because of the difficulty experienced by German intelligence officers in obtaining information from the Americans captured in the first trench raid last November.

Wills Probated
Among the wills admitted to probate today were those of Louise Miller, who died in the University Hospital, 514-209, William M. Burgess, 4619 Hazel avenue, \$12,000; Robert O. Doster, 2227 Columbia avenue, \$5800.

The personal property of the estate of Sarah P. Ashburn was appraised at \$43,915.51.

VI SUCCESSI ITALIANA DISPERDONO MUSICA IN MOVIMENTO Nelle Retrovie

ROMA, 1 febbraio. Le notizie giunte dalla frontiera di montagna si rivela che, presso le contee italiane sull'altipiano, le truppe italiane della Prima Armata si sono disperse in questi ultimi giorni. Le truppe italiane hanno concesso i loro attacchi verso il settore occidentale di Asiago.

Le posizioni conquistate dagli italiani ad occidente della Valle Frenzela sono state validamente rafforzate e poste in condizione di poter resistere a qualsiasi tentativo di penetrazione da parte delle truppe austro-tedesche.

Contingenti di truppe nemiche, in movimento dietro le posizioni austro-tedesche, sono state efficacemente bombardate e disperse. Le batterie italiane sono state attivamente e con successo lottate dall'artiglieria italiana e degli alleati fu notevole lungo tutta la frontiera di battaglia.

Un austro-tedesco tentò di attaccare le truppe italiane avanzando per la valle Lagarina e tra l'Adige e l'Adige, ma furono respinte e disperse sulla sponda destra dell'Adige.

Alcuni reparti italiani, operanti nella zona ad occidente di Monte Anzole, riuscirono brillantemente ad afferrare una incursione sulle trincee nemiche riuscendo a catturare due mitragliatrici.

Gli aviatori inglesi e francesi furono notevolmente e sostennero vittoriosamente parecchi scontri aerei con le macchine nemiche, riuscendo ad abbatterne una.

Dopo il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato, ieri, dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma.

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MUST PAY FOR HAULING Pittsburgh Steel Mills Lose in Ruling by Federal Judge

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 1.—Steel plants in the Pittsburgh district must pay the railroads several hundred thousand dollars for back tariffs earned by the hauling of slag and waste from the mills to the dumping grounds.

The rates established by the railroads and approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission will stand, according to a decision handed down here by Federal Judge W. H. Thompson.

School Rallies Draw Crowds
Enthusiastic patriotism marked rallies of scholars, their parents and friends in schools in all parts of the city last night, in the third of a four-day campaign against anti-Americanism and pro-Germanism. The rallies are being held under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Public Safety Committee.

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Under the direction of the general staff a series of films entitled "The Training of the Soldier," have been released for the purpose and compulsory attendance at their exhibition will be exacted of all officers and men at the camps where they will be shown. The general staff announced that other reels are being prepared and that they will prove a great aid in standardizing instruction.

MITTEN SEES MAYOR ON TROLLEY PROTESTS

Following a conference between T. E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and Mayor Smith today Mayor Smith said that he had been assured by President Mitten that every attention will be given the protest of Frankford and other residents of northeast Philadelphia that trolley service in that section is deplorable. Mr. Mitten, the Mayor said, contends that additional cars can be put on this route unless the rest of the line is made to suffer.

Touching on the matter of poor car-repair service, Mr. Mitten is quoted by the Mayor as having said that it is extremely difficult to keep cars in excellent repairment at work owing to the high wages being paid elsewhere to these men. He informed the Mayor that a 50 per cent raise in wages had already been granted these men. It had been asserted by the protestants that the number of cars provided for rush hours was far from sufficient to meet actual needs.

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